

ESTATE TO CANNON

Speaker Notified He Will Inherit \$2,500,000.

LETTER COMES FROM BOMBAY.

A Man He Befriended Years Ago Is Said to Have Become Rich and Remembered Uncle Joe—Investigation Is Started.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Speaker Cannon has received a letter from King King & Co., bankers, of Bombay, India, notifying him that a woman client of theirs, whose name is mentioned in the letter, having been warned by her physicians that she had less than six months to live, has deposited with them her will for execution upon her death. Joseph G. Cannon of Danville, Ill., is made sole heir to an estate valued at approximately \$2,500,000.

Uncle Joe did not faint from the shock, nor does he intend to spend any of the money in advance. Indeed, he seems to view the news with some skepticism, although there seems to be no particular reason why any one in Bombay should endeavor to perpetrate a long distance joke of this description upon the speaker.

It is explained that many years ago Mr. Cannon, then a hard working member of the rank and file of the house of representatives, did "a great deed of kindness" for a man then poor and struggling, from whom he could have expected no return. That man went to India, worked hard, made investments, was phenomenally fortunate and accumulated a great estate. Upon his death he left his entire estate to King & Co.'s client for life, with the stipulation that upon her death it was to revert to Mr. Cannon.

MORE SUSPECTED WITH ROBIN.

It is Believed Other Persons Will Be Indicted on Fraud Charges. New York, Jan. 4.—A petition asking that Joseph G. Robin be adjudged incompetent has been filed in the supreme court in behalf of the banker's sister, Dr. Louise G. Robinovitch, by William Travers Jerome, counsel for Robin.

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Lack of Water Prevents Firemen Saving Business Part of Greenville. Greenville, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The entire business portion and part of the residential section of this Washington county town was swept by fire. The loss is estimated as \$250,000. The fire was discovered in a clothing store by Miss Beth Noonan, the night operator in the Telephone exchange.

Stage Snow.

In "Personal Reminiscences of Henry Irving" Bram Stoker lets his readers into the secret of how the snow scene in "The Corsican Brothers" was made so effective:

"All over the stage was a thick blanket of snow, white and glistening in the winter sunrise—snow that lay so thick that when the duellists, stripped and armed, stood face to face they each secured a firmer foothold by clearing it away. Of many wonderful effects this snow was perhaps the strongest and most impressive of reality. The public could never imagine how it was done. It was salt—common coarse salt—which was white in the appointed light and glistened like real snow. There were tons of it. A crowd of men stood ready in the wings with little baggage trucks such as are now used in the corridors of great hotels, silent with rubber wheels. On them were great wide mouthed sacks full of salt. When the signal came they rushed in on all sides, each to his appointed spot, and tumbled out his load, spreading it evenly with great wide bladed wooden shovels."

Tuning Bells.

"What a beautiful tone that bell has!" is often heard. There are few, however, who know how a bell receives its joyful or solemn tones. All bells after they are cast and finished must go through a process of tuning the same as any other musical instrument before they respond with a clear, true tone. Every bell sounds five notes, which must blend together in order to produce perfect harmony. The tuning of a bell is done by means of shaving thin bits from various parts of the metal. It is as easy for an expert bell tuner to put a bell in tune as it is for a piano tuner to adjust his instrument to perfect chords. At first thought it would seem that a bell would be ruined should a tuner shave off too much at the last tuning, or the fifth sound, but such is not the case. He would, however, be obliged to begin over, starting again with the first tone and shaving the bell till it gave forth its harmonious sound at the fifth tone.—Scientific American.

SPEAKER CANNON

He Has Been Notified That He Is Heir to Millions.



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T. R.'S SUIT IS DISMISSED.

Libel Cases Against the New York World Ended by Court.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The criminal libel suit begun at the instigation of President Roosevelt against the Press Publishing company, publishers of the New York World, has been ended by the supreme court of the United States. Chief Justice White read an opinion, in which all of the associate justices concurred, affirming the judgment of the United States district court for the southern district of New York, quashing the indictment returned against the company. The decision effectually disposes of the case against the World.

While the status of the case against the Indianapolis News and its editor, Charles R. Williams, and its publisher, Delevan R. Smith, is unchanged, it is the opinion that the cases against the Indianapolis publishers will shortly be dismissed.

Both the cases were undertaken at the behest of President Roosevelt. The alleged libel consisted in the publication of a story which coupled the names of President Roosevelt, his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, and Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati with an alleged speculative venture in connection with the purchase by the United States government of the franchise and property of the French company in Panama.

In the opinion delivered by the chief justice the freedom of the press is asserted and the immunity from wholesale federal prosecution of newspapers published in the states is reaffirmed.

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The firemen were unable to check the progress of the flames owing to lack of water, the reservoir being practically empty. Although the flames were close to the building in which the Telephone exchange was located, Miss Noonan struck to her post and sent appeals for help to neighboring towns.

Owing to poor roads it was nearly three hours before firemen from other towns arrived.

Horrors of Bokhara.

The terrible deeds that once made Bokhara a byword are now prohibited by the Russian government. Prisoners are not permitted, for instance, to be dragged through the streets by galloping horses. Nor are they thrown from the top of the high tower called the Minar Katan. This was the usual punishment meted out to evildoers in the old days. Watched by thousands of spectators, the poor wretches were flung from that giddy height on to the flagstones beneath.

Bokhara has many chambers of horrors, unwholesome for western eyes to see and the description of which would certainly be unfit for publication. Perhaps the most horrible of these is a pit where prisoners were tortured by vermin, which were so numerous and ravenous that in the absence of human prey they were fed on chunks of raw meat.—Wide World Magazine.

Disraeli and Goldwin Smith.

It may have been partly by suspicion of my possession of an unpleasant secret that Disraeli was moved to follow me across the Atlantic and try, as he did in "Lothair," to brand me as "a social sycophant." His knowledge of my social character was not great, for I had only once met him in society. His allusion to the "Oxford professor" who was going to the United States was as transparent as if he had used my name. Had I been in England, where my character was known, I should have let the attack pass, but I was in a strange country, where, made by a man of note, the attack was likely to tell. I therefore gave Disraeli the lie, and neither he nor any of his organs ever ventured to repeat the calumny.—Goldwin Smith in McClure's.

A 500 POUND MAN DEAD AT

William Eckerson Always Rode to His Office, Two Blocks Away. Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 4.—William Eckerson, who probably weighed more than any officeholder in the country, is dead at his home here. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Mr. Eckerson weighed more than 500 pounds. When discharged from the army after being wounded at the battle of Gettysburg he was so thin and weak that his life was despaired of.

Mr. Eckerson was sixty-eight years old and had served as overseer of the poor sixteen years. Although he lived only two blocks from his office, he was compelled to ride to the city hall daily.

GALLAGHER SANE, JURY SAYS.

Man Who Shot Mayor Gaynor on Trial For Assault.

New York, Jan. 4.—After listening more than six hours to testimony as to the mental condition of James J. Gallagher, who tried to kill Mayor Gaynor in Hoboken Aug. 9, a jury in Jersey City returned a verdict in fifteen minutes that Gallagher is sane. He was placed on trial this morning on an indictment charging him with assault with intent to kill on "Big Bill" Edwards, street cleaning commissioner.

Holmer Wins Marathon in Scotland.

Edinburgh, Jan. 4.—Hans Holmer, an American, won the Marathon race at the Powder Hall grounds here. Forty runners took part in the contest. Holmer took the lead at the nineteenth mile and broke all world's records from that point to the finish. He made the distance in 2 hours 32 minutes 21 seconds.

Drowned in Trying to Save Another.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 4.—Henry Downer, aged thirty-five, a merchant, was drowned in the Kankakee river while trying to save the life of Adolph Fevinsdorff, a member of the Chicago Insurance patrol. With the two men was Vernon Gypfers of Shelby. Gypfers and Fevinsdorff were rescued, but they are in a critical condition from exposure.

Rosa Bonheur's Humble Lover.

When asked why she had never married Rosa Bonheur always answered: "Nobody ever fell in love with me. I have never been truly loved." More than one man, however, truly worshipped her. But she inspired such deep respect that no man seems to have dared to reveal his feelings to her. There is a curious example of this fact, taken from the humble walks of life. On several occasions Rosa Bonheur had done service for a workman who throughout his life spent his savings in buying engravings of her principal pictures and photographs of herself. His simple dwelling was a temple to her kindness. He described himself as "the earthworm in love with a star." The person here referred to—E. A. Bauray of Clermont-Ferrand—tells me that Rosa Bonheur once asked him why he was not married, and he replied by asking her the same question. Here was her answer: "Well, sir, it is not because I am an enemy of marriage, but I assure you that I have never had time to consider the subject."—Reminiscences of Rosa Bonheur.

Paternalism in Groceries.

Paternalism with a vengeance is practiced in certain New York groceries. It is benevolent paternalism, though. "Ma wants two pounds of sugar," said a child to a patriarch in the trade. He consulted a calendar on the wall. "I guess you'd better take only a pound today," he said, "and go kind of slow on that. The week is only half gone, but you have already eaten up three-fourths of your allowance. Tell your mother so."

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PACKERS' FIRST DEFEAT

Court Rules Government Has Right to Dismiss Suit in Equity. Chicago, Jan. 4.—J. Ogden Arnold and other indicted packers lost their first attack against criminal prosecution for violating the Sherman anti-trust laws when Judge Kohlsaat, of the United States circuit court, held the government had the right to dismiss its suit in equity against the National Packing company.

This means that the indicted packers will be forced to go to trial on the indictments pending before Judge Carpenter in the United States district court within a short time, or at least as soon as any technicalities which may be raised are disposed of.

HELD ON STABBING CHARGE

Printer Suspected of Killing Warner During Express Strike. New York, Jan. 4.—Alfred Langione, a printer, has been committed to the Tombs by the coroner pending further examination into the death of John C. Warner, the civil engineer who was attacked and stabbed to death by express strikers.

Langione is held principally on the sworn statements of Arthur Taylor of Central Valley, N. Y., who told the coroner that he was with Warner the night he was attacked and that he identified Langione as a man who jumped on Warner's back when the engineer fell.

"Bad Jake" Noble Caught.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 4.—"Bad Jake" Noble of Breathitt county, who is wanted for the killing of Jailer Wesley Turner at Jackson, Ky., on election day, is under arrest at Williamson, W. Va. There was a large reward for his capture.

Game Commissioner Accused.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4.—In a report filed with the governor by the state accounting board the Rev. Z. T. Sweeney, state fish and game commissioner, is charged with a shortage in his office of \$7,252.

No Clock Wanted.

There had been some talk of placing a clock in the tower of the village church. But John, the old sexton, who lived in the little cottage opposite the church, declared himself "dead agin it" and expressed the opinion that it would mean "an awful waste of brass" were the scheme carried out.

"We want no clocks," he said the other day. "We've done without clocks up to now, an' we shall manage. Why, lyin' 'r my bed of a mornin' I can see the time by the sundial over the porch."

"Yes," replied one who approved of the scheme, "that's all right so far as it goes. But the sun doesn't shine every morning. What do you do then?"

"Why," answered John surprisedly. "I knows then as it ain't fit weather to be out o' bed, an' I just stops where I is."—London Tit-Bits.

The Lavish Jenkins.

In October, 1886, a religiously minded Buckinghamshire farmer named Jenkins brought his firstborn to the parish church to be christened, and this was to be the name: Abel Benjamin Caleb Daniel Ezra Felix Gabriel Haggal Isaac Jacob Kish Levit Manoh Nehemiah Obdiah Peter Quantus Rochab Samuel Tobiah Uzziel Vaniah Word Nystus Zechariah. It had been observed that the names are all arranged in alphabetical order and are as far as possible selected from Scripture. It was only with the very greatest difficulty that the clergyman dissuaded Mr. Jenkins from doing the lasting wrong to his child that he had unwittingly devised, but eventually it was decided to christen the boy simply Abel.—Chambers' Journal.

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WED CHAUFFEUR SECRETLY.

Millionaire's Daughter Just Breaks News of Ceremony of May 11. Greenwich, Conn., Jan. 4.—Much interest has been caused in the announcement of the marriage of Mary Augustine Smith, the youngest daughter of William J. Smith, a millionaire, and Mrs. Smith, to Arthur Woodcock, chauffeur for Mrs. J. B. Converse of New York. The marriage took place in Port Chester May 11. The Rev. Father Maltez married Mr. Woodcock and Miss Smith at his parochial residence.

The priest kept the secret until the bride chose to tell her parents, which she has just done. The shock to the girl's parents was great, but it was announced that they had forgiven the pair and would do all in their power to make the future bright.

BANDITS ROB AND KILL.

Held Up Southern Pacific Limited and Shoot Threes. Ogdon, Utah, Jan. 4.—The Southern Pacific train No. 1, the Overland Limited, westbound, was held up by two masked bandits at Reese, nine miles west of Ogdon. William Ravis, a negro porter, was shot and instantly killed, and A. W. Taylor, another porter, was mortally wounded. A passenger was slightly wounded.

One hundred passengers on the train were relieved of their valuables. The robbers did not attempt to enter the express car, but devoted their entire attention to the Pullmans, where they made a rich haul.

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